

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

CRIMINAL DIVISION

COMPLAINT

DCTN: _____

Lockup No: _____

Case No: _____

2013 CRM 1700182

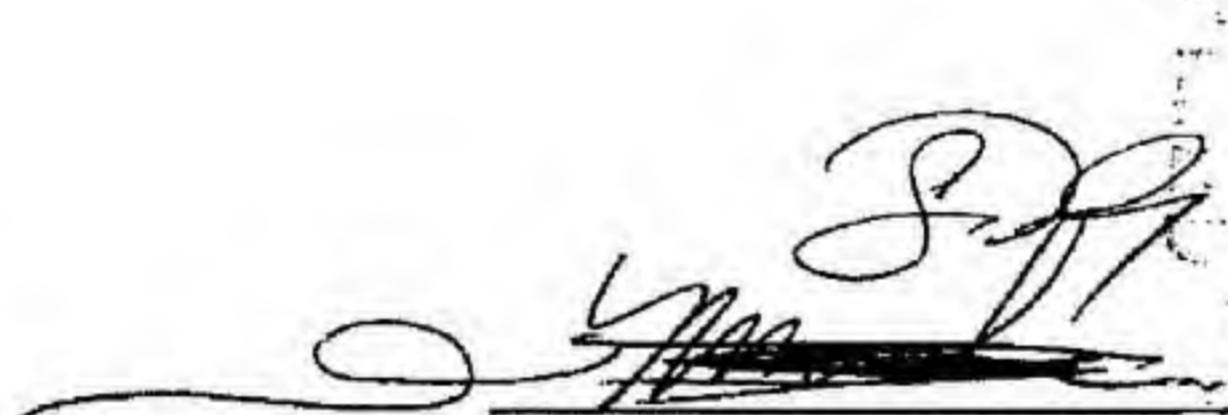
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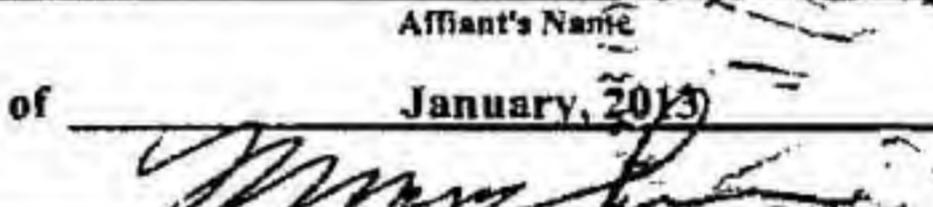
Defendant's Name:	Burnis Cole	474599	13004206
	(First) (MI) (Last)	(PDID)	(CCNO)
Also Known As:			
	(First)	(Middle)	(Last)
Address:	Buena Vista Terrace Apt. Washington DC		

Burnis Cole, within the District of Columbia, with deliberate and premeditated malice, killed Raasheem Jamal Rich by stabbing him on or about January 10, 2013, thereby causing injuries from which Raasheem Jamal Rich died on or about January 10, 2013. (First Degree Murder, in violation of 22 D.C. Code, Section 2101 (2001 ed.))

Co-Defendants:

7013 NY 16 JUN 12


Defendant's Name


(Judge) (Deputy Clerk)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16 day of January, 2013

WARRANT

To The United States Marshal or any other authorized federal officer or the Chief of Police of the District of Columbia:

WHEREAS the foregoing complaint and affidavit supporting the allegations thereof have been submitted, and there appearing probable cause and reasonable grounds for the issuance of an arrest warrant for

Burnis Cole

YOU ARE THEREFORE COMMANDED TO BRING THE DEFENDANT BEFORE SAID COURT OR OTHER PERSON ENUMERATED IN 18 U.S.C. 3041 forthwith to answer said charge.

Issued 1/16/13 
Judge - Superior Court of the District of Columbia

Title 16: Rule 105: Judge: _____

Sex: Male	DOB: 06/22/1977	CCN: 13004206	PDID: 474599
Papering Officer: Truby (Homicide)		Badge No.: D21674	

OFFICER MUST EXECUTE RETURN

Officer's Name:	Date / Time: January 16, 2013		
AUSA Signature:	<input type="checkbox"/> Fel. I	<input type="checkbox"/> AFTC	<input type="checkbox"/> Fel. II

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Superior Court of the District of Columbia
CRIMINAL DIVISION

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF AN ARREST WARRANT

USW NO.:

2013 CRM 000182

DEFENDANT'S NAME: BURNIS COLE			NICKNAME:		ALIASES:			CCN: 13-004206	PDID: 474599
SEX: M	RACE: B	DOB: 6/22/1977	HGT: 6'3	WGT: 193	EYES: Brown	HAIR: Black	COMPL: Dark	SCARS, MARKS TATTOOS:	
DEFENDANT'S HOME ADDRESS: ■ Buena Vista Terrace, Apt ■ Southeast, Washington DC								TELEPHONE NUMBER: 202-5 ■	
DEFENDANT'S BUSINESS ADDRESS:								TELEPHONE NUMBER:	
COMPLAINANT'S NAME: Raasheem Jamal Rich								TELEPHONE NUMBER:	
LOCATION OF OFFENSE: F/O ■ Alabama Ave SE, WASHINGTON D.C.								DATE OF OFFENSE: 01/10/2013	TIME OF OFFENSE: 1527 HOURS
CAUTION AND MEDICAL CONDITIONS (CMC) Select a valid CMC code below for wanted person when using the caution indicator.									
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 00 = Armed and Dangerous <input type="checkbox"/> 05 = Violent Tendencies <input type="checkbox"/> 10 = Martial Arts Expert <input type="checkbox"/> 15 = Explosive Expertise <input type="checkbox"/> 20 = Known to abuse drugs		<input type="checkbox"/> 25 = Escape Risk <input type="checkbox"/> 30 = Sexually Violent Predator <input type="checkbox"/> 50 = Heart Condition <input type="checkbox"/> 55 = Alcoholic <input type="checkbox"/> 60 = Allergies		<input type="checkbox"/> 65 = Epilepsy <input type="checkbox"/> 70 = Suicidal <input type="checkbox"/> 80 = Medication Required <input type="checkbox"/> 85 = Hemophiliac <input type="checkbox"/> 90 = Diabetic		<input type="checkbox"/> 01 = Other (Explain)			

GIVE BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF WHAT HAPPENED:

On Thursday, January 10, 2013, at approximately 1527 hours, an off-duty officer was flagged down by a citizen, who directed him to a stabbing in front of ■ Alabama Avenue, Southeast, Washington, D.C. The officer called for assistance over the Seventh District channel and additional units quickly arrived. District of Columbia Fire & EMS personnel were summoned to the scene and transported the decedent to MEDSTAR. The decedent was found to have a puncture wound to the left chest area. The decedent was pronounced dead at 1609 hours by Dr. Street. The decedent's remains were transported to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. On Friday January 11, 2012, an autopsy was performed on the decedent's remains by Doctor Mortzinos of the DC Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. At the conclusion of this examination, Doctor Mortzinos concluded that the decedent's death was caused by a single stab wound to the heart and the manner was ruled a homicide. As a result of this stabbing, members of the Metropolitan Police Department's Homicide Branch responded to ■ Alabama Ave, Southeast, to investigate. A search of the decedent and his clothing collected from the scene and elsewhere did not reveal the presence of any weapons.

During the preliminary stages of the investigation, law enforcement personnel viewed video footage of cameras located in and around "Alabama Express Liquors", which is located at ■ Alabama Avenue, Southeast, Washington, D.C. Captured in the video footage was a gray Ford van. The gray Ford van was observed parking in the parking lot alongside of ■ Alabama Avenue, Southeast, Washington, D.C. Four black males exited from the gray van. Three of the black males who exited the van were wearing dark hooded jackets and yellow "high visibility" vests and the fourth subject was wearing a dark hooded jacket and tan pants. This fourth subject will be hereafter referred to as the suspect. Within a short period of time, the suspect and two of the subjects wearing the "high visibility" vests entered "Alabama Express Liquors". While the subjects were inside the liquor store, the decedent entered the store. Video surveillance footage from inside the store showed an apparent verbal altercation between the decedent and the suspect occurred inside the store.

The video footage captured the escalation of the argument and showed the decedent being punched by the suspect. The decedent, the suspect, and the two subjects wearing the "high visibility" vests were escorted from the store by store employees. The suspect and the subjects wearing the visibility vests left the store ahead of the decedent. As the suspect was exiting, he appeared to produce an object from his left front pants pocket and began to open or unfold it in the manner that one would unfold a pocket knife. Once outside, the footage shows one subject wearing a "high visibility" vest pass the front window of the store first. The suspect is then observed, facing the decedent as he exited the store. The suspect with his right arm extended to his right side is observed moving alongside the decedent as the decedent passes the front window. Before leaving the view of

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the camera, the suspect moved in closer to the decedent with his arm still extended. It should be noted that blood is observed on the sidewalk within steps of where the suspect was last seen engaging the decedent.

Within seconds of the decedent and the suspect passing the window, the second subject wearing a "high visibility" vest followed closely behind. The two subjects wearing the "high visibility" vests leave the scene a short time later. The decedent is observed running into the adjacent parking lot, ripping his shirt off and then subsequently collapsing on the sidewalk, in front of the parking lot of the liquor store.

During the subsequent investigation, investigators focused on the vehicle that the subjects arrived in. As a result of the investigation, the driver was interviewed and will herein be referred to as W-1. W-1 stated that IT along with two of IT's coworkers, whose identity is known to law enforcement, arrived at the location. W-1 reported that IT and one of it coworkers entered the store while the other waited outside. While inside the store, a short individual entered the store and began to verbally argue with a tall subject that was already inside the store when they arrived. According to W-1, the short individual stated something to the effect of "Fuck that ima kill your bitch ass." It was then, the verbal argument escalated into a fight. W-1 stated that the store owner ushered everyone out of the store. W-1 stated that "they" started fighting as they went in the direction of the parking lot. However, W-1 and IT's coworker immediately left in the opposite direction.

W-1 added that the short individual said something to the effect of "I'm going to get my shit". It was unclear at what point this comment was made. W-1 stated that IT did not know the tall guy that was involved in the fight and that IT arrived only with two individuals. A cellular phone number was also obtained for this witness. Investigators know from the surveillance video that the tall individual arrived in the gray van with W-1.

Investigators reviewed the call records for the operator of the van. The phone number [REDACTED] was shown to have contacted the driver of the van immediately after the murder. Investigators learned that that number was registered to a Burnis Cole with an address of [REDACTED] Buena Vista Terrace SE, Apt [REDACTED] Buena Vista Terrace SE is approximately .4 miles from [REDACTED] Alabama Avenue SE. A W.A.L.E.S. inquiry was conducted with this information which provided investigators with a photograph of Burnis Cole. Upon your affiant looking at a MPDC photograph of Burnis Cole, PDID: 474-599, it is apparent that he was the subject who exited the mini-van, punched the decedent, and who engaged the decedent outside as depicted on the video. It was also learned that the driver of the van worked for a construction company working on a job site located upper Northwest, Washington DC.

On Monday January 15, 2013, a second witness was interviewed, who will herein be referred to as W-2. W-2 viewed a Youtube video that was prepared for public viewing of the surveillance footage from the Alabama Express liquor store. Upon seeing the video, W-2 identified the suspect as Burnis Cole. W-2 sees Burnis Cole on a regular basis. Also, W-2 knows that Burnis Cole works construction and is an associate of W-1.

Based on the facts and circumstances, this affiant requests that a District of Columbia Judge issue an Arrest Warrant for the Defendant Burnis Cole, PDID: 474599 charging him accordingly.

PLEASE ISSUE A WARRANT FOR:

Burnis Cole

CHARGED WITH: 1st Degree Murder while Armed

Michael J. M. 1/16/13
ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

NCIC Approved

AFFIANT'S SIGNATURE

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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS

16th DAY OF January 2013

J. Murphy

(JUDGE) (DEPUTY CLERK) SUPERIOR COURT
OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA